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Re: Appeal No. DOJ-AP-2019-000726  
Request No. 1410944-000  
MWH:PJA

**VIA: Email**

Dear Ms. Best:

You appealed from the action of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your Freedom of Information Act request for access to records concerning Breitbart News. I note that your appeal concerns the FBI's search for records responsive to your request.

Subsequent to your appeal, the FBI reopened your request for additional processing by letter dated October 31, 2018 (copy enclosed). In light of these circumstances, your attempted appeal to challenge the adequacy of the FBI's search for records is not ripe. You may appeal any future adverse determination made by the FBI concerning this request.

If you have any questions regarding the action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeals, the FOIA permits you to file a lawsuit in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

Sincerely,

12/11/2018

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Matthew Hurd, Associate Chief, for  
Sean O'Neill, Chief, Administrative Appeals ...  
Signed by: MATTHEW HURD

Enclosure